

## ALA NMRT Online Discussion Forum 2012-2013 Topic Schedule

Month	Discussion Leader	Topic
October 2012	Jessica Critten	<b>Library schools</b> Do library schools prepare students for professionalization? How can LIS programs (including online programs) better emphasize these skills and their importance within the profession?
November 2012	Joanne Brunetti	<b>Writing skills</b> How can librarians develop their own writing skills to entertain, inform and persuade?
December 2012	Elizabeth Siler	<b>Publishing</b> How do you get started with writing for publication? What to publish? Where? How can you find collaborators?
January 2013	Elizabeth Matkowski	<b>Professional development on a budget</b> Professional development budget/time allowance in LIS is increasingly being cut. What strategies have you developed to focus and prioritize? Any useful professional development resources?
February 2013	Danielle Willgrubber	<b>Skills for utilizing new technologies</b> With social media, mashups, APIs and various other technologies available to libraries and information centers, what innovations have you been involved in or aware of? How can we develop skills to enable us to work with these technologies?
March 2013	Sarah Thomas	<b>Public speaking skills</b> How can you develop public speaking skills? Do you have any tips or advice? Any recommended training opportunities, reading or organizations?
April 2013	Emilyn Linden	<b>Job interviews</b> How do you prepare for job interviews? What resources do you find useful? Any tips/advice?
May 2013	Laura Scott	<b>Professional/personal branding</b> How do you develop a professional/personal brand? Is it necessary? How can it be used to help you network?
June 2013	Ariel Orlov	<b>Professional networking to make introductions</b> LinkedIn is used in other sectors to make introductions and contacts in potential workplaces. Does this happen in LIS profession? Should it?

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